

BENDIGO CAE INSTALLS THE IX

Bendigo College of Advanced Education is installing 42 of the new IBM IX computers. Two separate local area networks, each containing 16 IX personal computers, will be created and used by students undertaking degree and diploma courses in a range of computer and non-computer-based subjects. The remaining 10 computers will either form a third network or operate as standalone systems.

Bendigo CAE is the only college in Victoria, outside the Melbourne metropolitan area, which offers a full-time degree course in computing. Mr Bruce Winzar, systems manager of the college's

Computing Services Centre, said the IX was chosen because it offers access to the largest amount of business and other software, and it would enable students to become familiar with IBM documentation and terminology, enhancing their job prospects.

All 42 IBM IX personal computers are equipped with colour screens, 256 Kbytes of memory and single 9 cm microfloppies. Ten machines have dual diskettes and two have an additional 13 cm disk. The college also ordered three IBM Personal Computers, two equipped with 20 Mbyte hard disks. IX DOS and Janet/2 will be used in the IX computers, with networking software installed in the IBM PCs. □